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- 1. RABBI SCHNEIER TELEPHONED EMBASSY ON FEB 8 FROM MUKACHEVO AND REPORTED FOLLOWING:
- -- IN KIEV, GROUP MET YEGOROV OF UKRAINIAN FOREIGN MINISTRY AND MAKSIMENKO OF UKRAINIAN MINISTRY OF COMMUNAL WORKS. LATTER TOLD GROUP ITS PROPOSALS WOULD RECEIVE CAREFUL CONSIDERATION;
- -- IN MUKACHEVO, GROUP MET I.F. GRINKOV, HEAD
 OF DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNAL WORKS OF MUKACHEVO CITY EXECUTIVE
 COMMITTEE. SCHNEIER SAID GRINKOV SEEMED SYMPATHETIC,
 PROMISED THAT GROUP'S PROPOSALS RE CEMETERY WOULD BE
 SUBMITTED TO CITY'S EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE LATER THIS
 MONTH, AND ASSURED THAT IN MEANTIME THERE WOULD BE NO
 CHANGE IN STATUS OF CEMETERY.

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2. RABBI SCHNEIER EXPRESSED VIEW THAT POSITIVE -- OR AT LEAST FRIENDLY -- RECEPTION GROUP EXPERIENCED IN UKRAINE SHOULD BE FOLLOWED UP IN MOSCOW BY EMBASSY BRIEFING MFA AND COUNCIL ON RELIGIOUS AFFAIRS AND EXPRESSING APPRECIATION FOR COURTESIES EXTENDED GROUP AND HOPE THAT FINAL DECISION WILL BE FAVORABLE. MUKACHEVO GROUP EXPECTS TO BE IN BUDAPEST FEB 9.

SCHNEIER PROMISED TO BE IN TOUCH WITH DEPARTMENT UPON RETURN TO US.

- 3. IN LINE WITH RABBI SCHNEIER'S SUGGESTION, EMBASSY WILL FOLLOW UP WITH MFA AND COUNCIL FOR RELIGIOUS AFFAIRS.
- 4. COMMENT: GIVEN SHAKY BEGINNING OF MUKACHEVO MISSION, SOVIETS EVIDENTLY REALIZED IN TIME PR ADVANTAGES OF TREATING GROUP CORRECTLY AND GIVING IT A HEARING. FINAL FAVORABLE OUTCOME IS OF COURSE FAR FROM CERTAIN. RABBI SCHNEIER, HOWEVER, GAVE IMPRESSION THAT GROUP IS SATISFIED THAT IT WAS GIVEN REASONABLE OPPORTUNITY TO PRESENT ITS VIEWS.

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